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[redacted] In the absence of Ed Braswell, left with Jack Ticer, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, a copy of my memo covering some of the highlights of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the Cooper bill (S.2224), where Pete Scoville and Chet Cooper testified.

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[REDACTED] William McAfee, INR/DDC, State Department, called to say that David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, had asked Ray Cline, Director Intelligence and Research, for material on the Cooper bill (S. 2224) for his (Abshire's) use in talking to the Foreign Relations Committee later this week. McAfee said he assumed we had developed some thoughts on this and he would appreciate anything we could pass on to them. I told him we had sent a basic position paper to Tom Lattimer, in the White House, for Dr. Kissinger's use and had also provided some material to Ed Braswell, on the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, this morning. I told him I would forward copies of this material as well as some additional comments of mine having to do with comparison of the Cooper bill with Section 202 of the Atomic Energy Act with the understanding that it would not be used in its present form since this had been sent to Braswell for possible use in a floor statement by Senator Stennis. The material was sent this afternoon.

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1. [REDACTED] Delivered a letter from General Walters to Chairman Stennis to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, enclosing the responses to questions raised by Senators Strom Thurmond (R., S. C.) and Harold Hughes (D., Iowa) during General Walters' confirmation hearing on Friday.

I also gave Mr. Braswell a paper from Jack Maury concerning S. 2224, the Cooper bill. Mr. Braswell glanced through both General Walters' questions and answers and Mr. Maury's paper while I was with him and said that it looked as if he would have to do a little more studying on S. 2224. 25X1C

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[REDACTED] Accompanied the Intelligence Production Course members to a meeting with Mr. James Woolsey, of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who talked to them at some length about problems facing the Congress and particular problems for the Agency as he saw them. Considerable length of time was spent in discussion on the provisions of Senator Cooper's (R., Ky.) bill (S. 2224) and the class members seemed to appreciate Mr. Woolsey's remarks.

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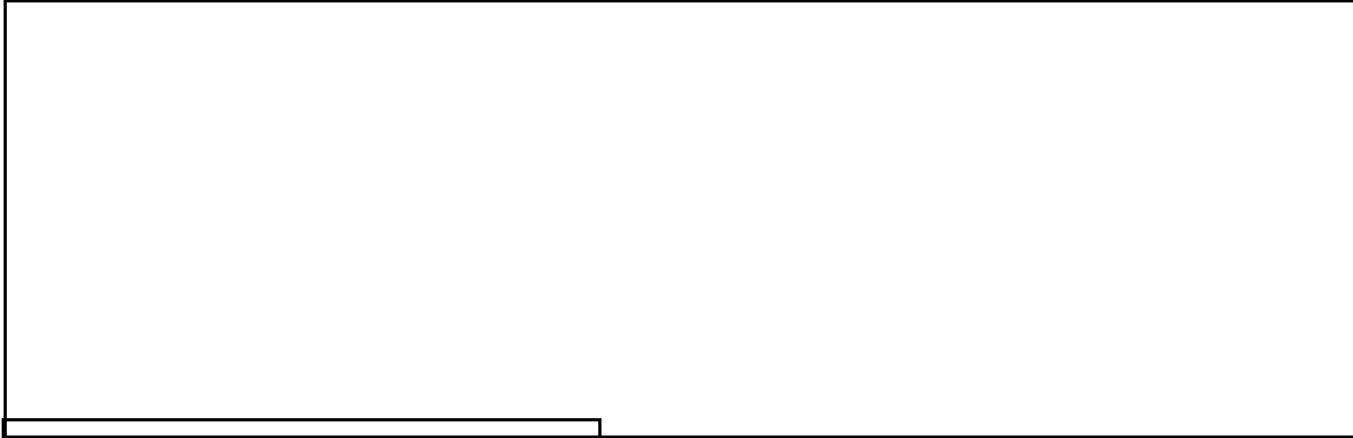
[redacted] Met with Senator Symington (D., Mo.) as a followup to his complaints to the Director during the Armed Services Subcommittee session on 5 April about duplication of intelligence activities in the Middle East. It turned out Symington had confused some MAG and communications activities with intelligence operations, and after a 40-minute talk he seemed fairly satisfied. During our conversation he complained that too many burdens were being imposed on the Agency, such as economic reporting, paramilitary operations, covering the narcotics traffic, etc.

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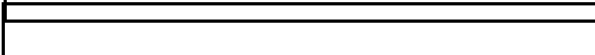
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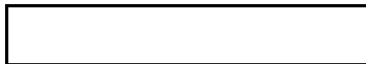
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Received a call from Maurine Dantzic, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, regarding General Walters' nomination. She told me that the Senate did not call the executive calendar on Friday.

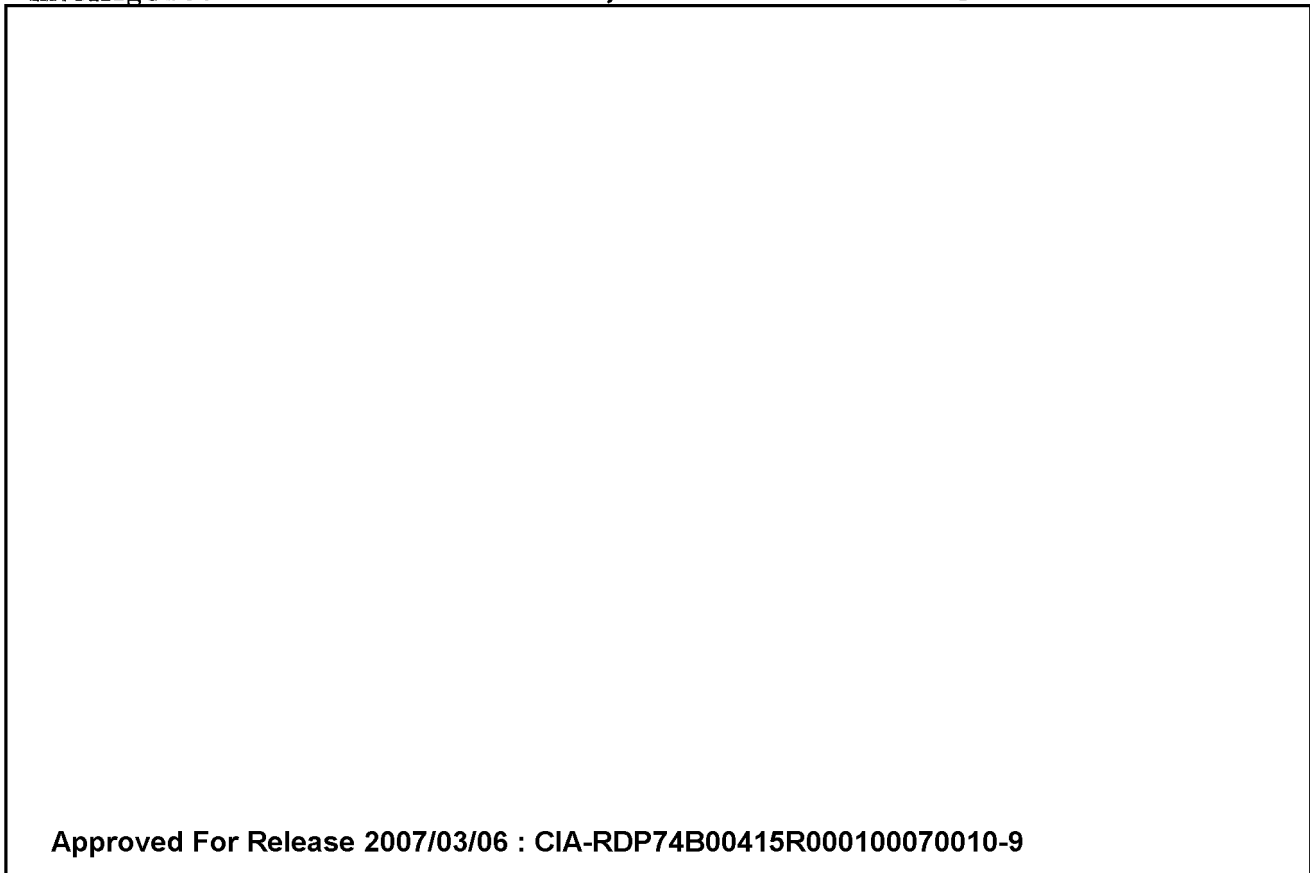
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Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to ask that we provide him with the information for use in a possible speech by Senator Stennis (D., Miss.) in opposition to the Cooper bill (S. 2224) which would require that intelligence material be made freely available to the Congress.

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1. [] Accompanied General Walters to the confirmation hearing before an open session of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Only Chairman Stennis and Senators Margaret Chase Smith and Barry Goldwater were present, and no sensitive or controversial matters arose. However, Senators Strom Thurmond and Harold Hughes submitted, in absentia, questions to be answered in writing for the record.

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2. [] Met with Ed Braswell and Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and briefed them on recent developments regarding Soviet SLBMs and the SS-11 ICBM.

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5. [] Talked to Mr. John Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who confirmed that the Committee had approved General Walters' nomination and said that it might go to the floor as early as tomorrow if no opposition developed.



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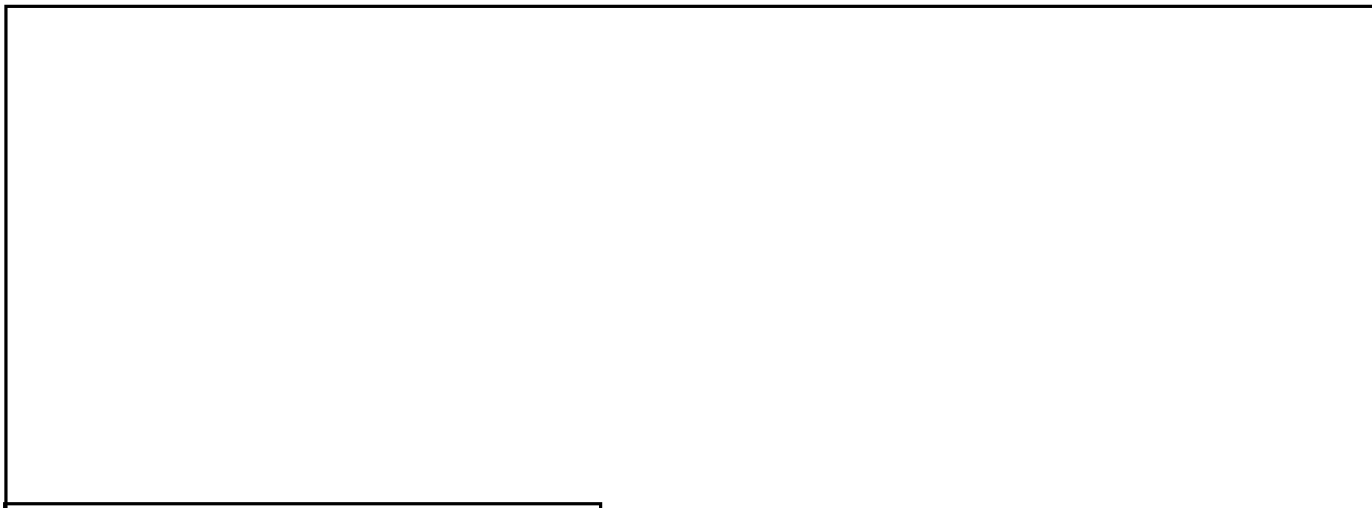
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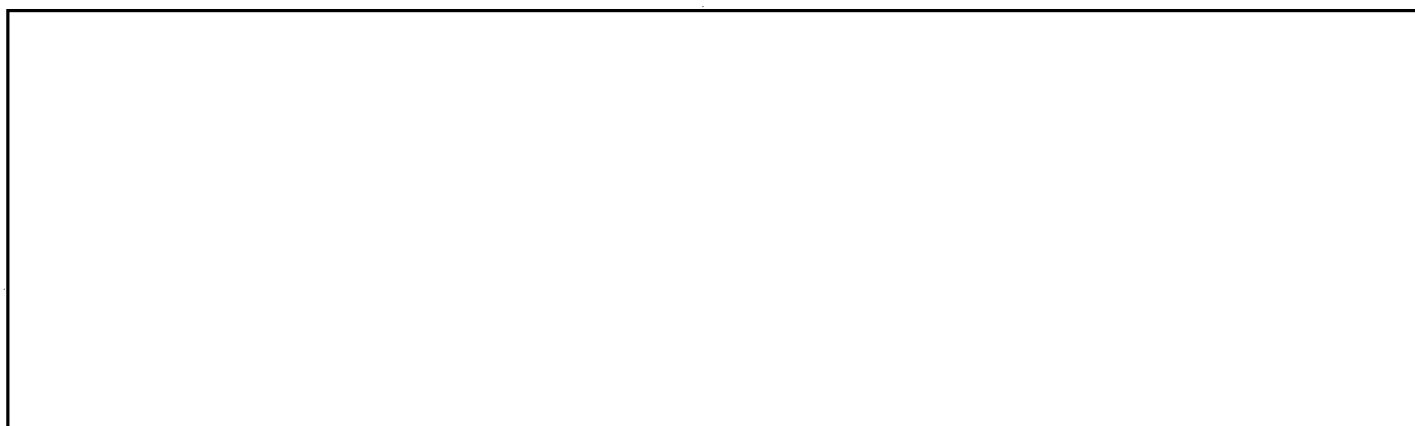
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[REDACTED] By way of followup I advised John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, that Mr. McCone definitely does not plan to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the subject of the Cooper bill to provide for the dissemination of intelligence information to the Congress.

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[REDACTED] In view of Representative Robert Steele's (R., Conn.) availability to address the Intelligence Production Course at 2 p.m. on Monday, 10 April, I arranged with Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to change his talk to this group to 3:15 p.m.

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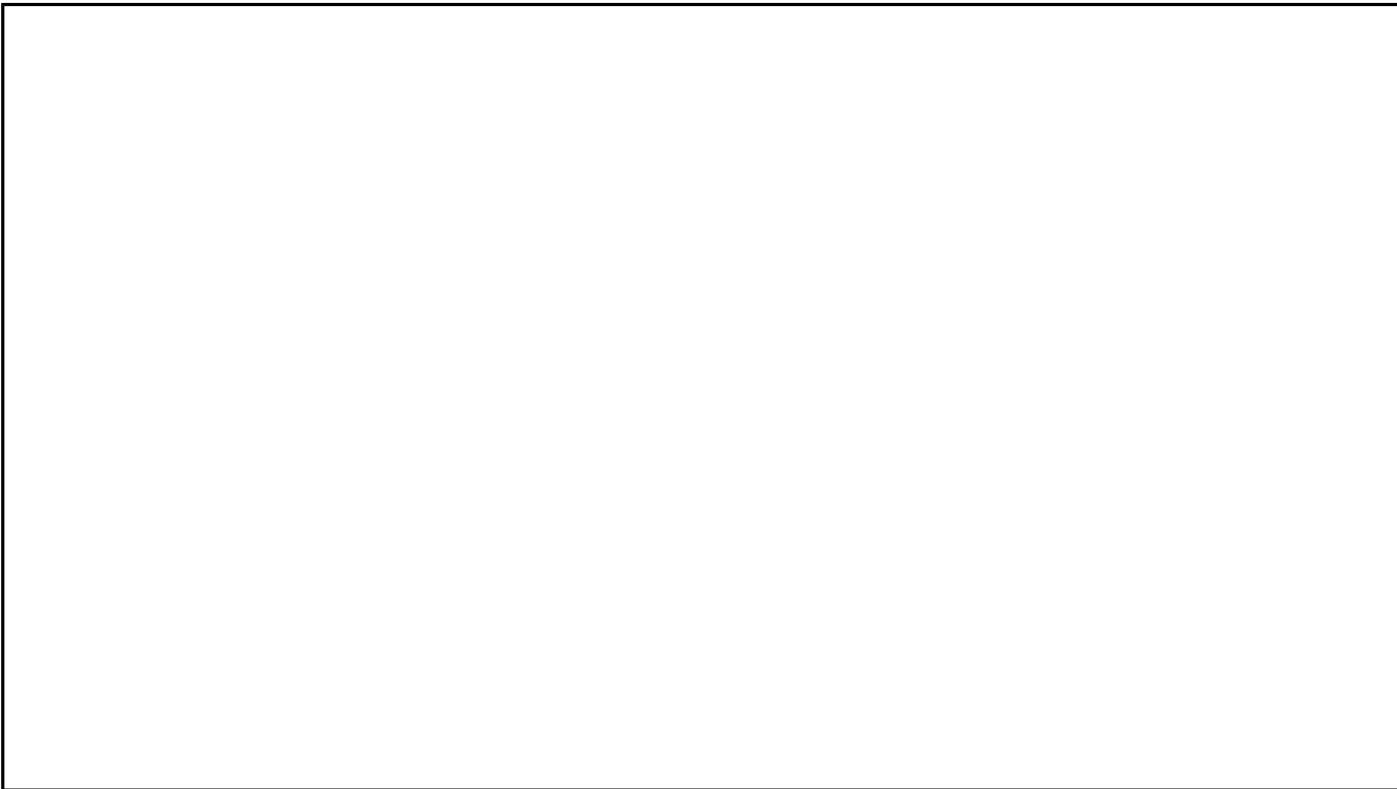
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3. [REDACTED] Received a call from Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, from his home. He expressed his apologies that he will be unable to attend the briefing arranged for this morning for himself and Mr. Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff. He has a very sore throat and by doctor's suggestion will be spending the day at home. Mr. Preston said that he will reschedule for one day next week when he gets back in the office. I thanked him for the call. Mr. Briggs, OPPB, has been advised.

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[REDACTED] At the request of Mr. Colby's office, talked to Ruby Hamblen, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee staff, and arranged for the loan of two easels for use in the Director's briefing of Senate Armed Services Committee this afternoon.

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5. [] Called John Lehman, of Dr. Kissinger's staff, to see what the White House attitude was on the Ervin inquiry. Lehman said that Fred Fielding and John Deane, of the White House staff, were handling this and he would have Fielding call me. Lehman recalled that the question of executive agreements had come up previously in connection with the Cooper bill which the community representatives, in the LIG meeting, had strongly opposed. He said he understood that the State Department was preparing a reply to Senator Ervin in behalf of all executive agencies, and asked whether I agreed on this solution. I said not unless I knew what State was going to say. Lehman said he would send us a draft and we could rewrite it as we saw fit. He said if there were any differences after that with the agencies, we should meet with John Deane. He added that the White House was particularly concerned to protect any intelligence agreements from congressional probing. I asked him if this meant he would invoke executive privilege if this is necessary. He said yes.

Lehman then brought up the question of the Cooper bill on making intelligence information available to Congress. I suggested he review the transcript of the hearings with Pete Scoville and Chet Cooper last week. In response to his question I said I thought the bill would be reported out by Foreign Relations but possibly held up by Armed Services which also had a slice of it. I added I thought it might run into opposition in the House. Lehman asked what they should be doing and I suggested some discreet lobbying, emphasizing the importance of keeping intelligence material from becoming the subject of political controversy. He said Kissinger had seen Stennis last week and hoped to keep in closer touch with Stennis in the future. He said he would try to get Kissinger to raise this question with Stennis at the first opportunity.

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8. [] Spoke with Martin Wolf, Press Secretary to Senator Mike Gravel (D., Alaska), who asked that we continue to send the Senator the FBIS Daily Reports until further notice. Arrangements were made with FBIS to initiate subscriptions for the area books concerned.

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[REDACTED] John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called regarding articles in the New York Post on 29 March and the Chicago Sun-Times on 28 March stating that Mr. John McCone was supporting the Cooper bill which provided for dissemination of intelligence information to the Congress. Goldsmith was interested in any information we had on the basis of these two articles. I called him back later and told him we knew of no basis for these statements except the possibility that someone had seen Mr. McCone's name on the list of possible witnesses favorable to this legislation, but we had no information as to whether or not Mr. McCone would, in fact, testify.

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